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1. A meeting was held at Bad Elster on 5-6 August 1948 at which the formation in Saxony of a Spartacus Committee was discussed. Colonel Tzulpanov and Anton Ackermann, Chief of the SED Cultural Secretariat, were present and addressed the Party cadre.
2. A proposal was made to form an eight-member committee under Kurt Fischer, President of the Central Administration of the Interior, to undertake a complete purge of the SED party and administration. Arthur Schliebs opined that they would be able to set up a "Democratic People's Bloc" by November 1948. The aim is the complete bolshevization of the Land economy and the possible later joining of the Cominform.

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